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SUB: 20TH UNDP GC--AGENDA ITEM 3(G); PROGRAM RESOURCES AND
COST OUTLOOK FOR 1977-81

1. DISCUSSION UNDER THIS TOPIC CENTERED AROUND FOUR
ISSUES:

- A) THE ANNUAL RATE OF RESOURCE GROWTH FOR 1977-81
(COUNCIL INVITED ADMINISTRATOR TO PREPARE PROJECTIONS
FOR 21ST SESSION BASED ON ANNUAL GROWTH RATE OF VOL-
UNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS ASSUMPTION BETWEEN 11.5 AND 17.5
PERCENT).
- B) THE STREAMLINING OF THE PROGRAM RESERVE TO FOCUS
UNDP RESOURCES LARGELY ON EMERGENCY SITUATIONS AND/OR
EXPERTISE TO STRENGTHEN PREPARATIONS FOR THE SECOND
COUNTRY PROGRAM CYCLE(AGREED).
- C) THE DOUBLING OF GLOVAL PROJECT RESOURCES FROM
1-2PERCENT OF TOTAL ALLOCATED PROGRAM RESOURCES FOR 1977-81(AGREED).
- D) THE DESIRABILITY FOR ABOLISHING ASSESSED
PROGRAM COSTS NOW AT 8PERCENT OF THE COUNTRIES IPF.

2. MAJOR FOCUS OF DEBATE WAS ON ASSESSED PROGRAM COSTS
WHICH MANY LDC'S (WITH UK SUPPORT) INSISTED BE ELIMINATED
ON GROUNDS IT CONTRARY TO VOLUNTARY NATURE OF
PROGRAM. AFTER INTENSIVE NEOGITATIONS, COMPROMISES ARRIVED
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AT WHEREBY THESE RESOURCES WOULD BE PLACED ON VOLUNTARY

BASIS WITH PRESENT 8PERCENT ASSESSMENT RATE CONTINUING TO BE INCLUDED
IN OVERALL RESOURCE PROJECTINS FOR THE SECOND (1977-81)
IPF CYCLE.

DECISION THIS

ASPECT READS BEGIN QUOTE: RECOMMENDED THAT THE ADMINISTRATITOR
INVITE RECIPIENT COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE TO CONTRIBUTE
THE FUNDS IN LOCAL CURRENCY PREVIOUSLY MADE AVAILABLE UNDER
ASSESSED PROGRAMME COSTS AS PART OF THEIR VOLUNTARY CON-
TRIBUTION, BEARING IN MIND THE NEED TO MAINTAIN THE DYNAMISM
OF THE PROGRAMME. FOR PURPOSES OF CALCULAITING THE RESOURCES
FOR 1977-81, AN INDICATIVE FIGURE OF 8 PERCENT OF IPF AS
MODIFIED BY THE WAIVER PROCEDURES OUGHT TO BE MAINTAINED,
SUBJECT TO AMID-TERM REVIEW. END QUOTE.

3. IN RELUCTANTLY CONSENTING TO THIS DECISION, AFTER IT
APPARENT IT MOST FAVORABLE OUTCOME WHICH COULD BE ACHIEVED,
USDEL(KITCHEN) NOTED THAT ADOPTION THIS DECISION MEANT
PROGRAM WAS MOVING TOWARDS PUTTING ALL CONTRIBUTIONS
ON A MORENORMAL, NON-DISCRIMINATORY BASIS WITH FREER
PARTICIPATION OF DEVELOPED AND DEVELOPING COUNTRIES
ALIKE. HE CUATIONED THAT DECISION COULD RIGHTLY BE
VIEWED AS A STEP FORWARD ONLY IF IN ITS IMPLEMENTATION
IT IN NO WAY REDUCED THE SELF-RELIANCE AND PARTNERSHIP
CONCEPTS THAT WERE THE HALLMARKS OF THE UNDP PROGRAM. ADDITIONALLY
THE U.S. DEL REQUESTED ADMINISTRAOR TO CONTINUE TO STUDY THE
PROBLEM AND REPORT PERIODICALLY ON IT, NOTING THAT THE
COUNCIL WOULD IN ANY EVENT REVER TO THIS ISSUE AT
THE MID-TERM REVIEW. DALE

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